

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the title and claims 1, 7, 8 and 9 are amended.

Applicant appreciates the Office Actions indication that claims 3-6 contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action objects to the title. The title is amended to obviate this objection.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2 and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP 11-115249 to Daimon. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Daimon does not disclose generating image data of each color for simultaneous printing so that a variety of colors image data for forming the first multi-color image coincide with a variety of colors of image data performing the second multi-color image when a variety of colors of developers require for forming the second multi-colored image includes some or none of a variety of colors of developers required for forming the first multi-colored image as in amended independent claims 1 and 9. Instead, Daimon discloses the monochrome and color pages correspond to a case where all colors CMYK are used.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petition for Extension of Time

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